

“Athens - To An Unknown God”

Acts 17:16-34

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Study Questions designed for you, your family, friends or small group

1. Do you remember what things you noticed first when you drove through Madison? Read Acts 17:16-34
2. What was Paul’s reaction when he entered Athens? (verse 16)
3. What places did Paul go to share the Good News about Christ? (verse 17)
4. What motivated Paul to share the Good News? (verse 16)
5. What were the reactions of the philosophers to Paul’s message? (verses 18-20)
6. Analyze how Paul spoke to the crowd at the Areopagus. (verses 2-3)
Outline his approach in 3-4 steps.
7. What do we learn about God from Paul’s message?
8. What do we learn about sharing the Gospel with people who don’t know the Bible or accept it from this passage?
9. Why don’t we talk about repentance and judgment today?
10. Why was the resurrection of Jesus such a dividing line?
11. Paul spoke with the religious people in the synagogue, the common folk in the market place, and the intellectuals before the council. How was his message similar or dissimilar? Who do you know that fits into those categories? How might you reach them with the Good News?
12. What are the idols of today? How do you feel about them? How does that compare with Paul’s feeling about the idols of Athens?

To do: Review Two ways to Live on our website **(Connect/a relationship with God)**. You will notice this approach to sharing the Gospel starts with Creation and ends with a call to change.

Prayer: God, grow my passion to defend and declare your glory. Make me wise to know how to share the Good News to people today. Use me to change someone’s life this year.